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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

James S McClellan

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/25/01; 7/23/01
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1-9 and 20 in the reply filed on April 9, 2004 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Applicant's submission of Information Disclosure Statements on 5/25/01 and 7/23/01 are acknowledged and have been fully considered as indicated on the attached signed copy of each PTO-1449 form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,282,522 (hereinafter "Davis").

Regarding **claims 1-9**, Davis discloses a transaction management device connected through a network (see Figure 4, Internet 202) with a plurality of shop computers (merchants 208) providing electronic shops on the network (202) and a plurality of client computers (204)

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used by users utilizing the electronic shops, the transaction management device comprising: a management unit configured to manage transaction information for each transaction, the transaction information including a transaction ID (see column 15, line 41), a user ID (inherent for delivery), a shop ID (see column 15, line 43), and status data (see column 17, lines 35-47); and a processing unit (206) configured to process said each transaction according to the transaction information managed by the management unit; the processing unit carries a plurality of transaction (via concentration point 68; see column 13, lines 36-43); finalizing completion of each transaction or cancel transaction (see column 16, lines 10-12); notifies the a personal information of the user related to the transaction at the time of completion of the transaction (for example, transaction ID); the client computer re-accesses the transaction management device (see column 17, lines 45-47); transmits transaction logs (see paragraph bridging columns 13-14); the processing unit transmits a notice of completion (see column 8, lines 25-28).

Regarding **claim 20**, Davis discloses a computer readable medium having computer readable program codes embodied therein for causing a computer to function as a transaction management computer as set forth for claim 1.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

Elgamal and Cockrill et al. are cited of interest for disclosing transaction management devices for conducting transactions over a network.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jim McClellan whose telephone number is (703) 305-0212. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski, can be reached at (703) 308-5183.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

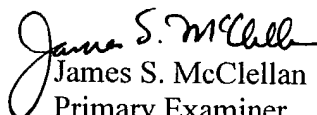
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